

Nairobi Convention Focal Points and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) Meeting

4 December 2023

Afrin Prestige Hotel, Maputo, Mozambique

Objectives of the Meeting

1. To share updates on work that the RECS, Commissions, Partners and Contracting Parties are doing related to Blue/Ocean Economy and Ocean Governance.
2. To present the latest outline of the Regional Ocean Governance Strategy with discussion on potential institutional arrangements to support implementation. This will allow a final draft of the Strategy to be prepared for review by the Contracting Parties.
3. To receive an update on progress of Our Blue Future (OBF) and to discuss if and how Contracting Parties may further support the initiative.
4. To discuss other opportunities for further collaboration between the RECS, Commissions, and the Nairobi Convention, especially with regards to Blue Economy and Ocean Governance, including engagement at the African continental level.

Provisional Agenda

| TIME | Activity | Responsible |
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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration of Participants | Nairobi Convention Secretariat (NCS) |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nairobi Convention Secretariat • Representative of AU • Government of Mozambique | NCS |
| 09:30 – 09:40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the Agenda • Participants self-introduction • Group Photo | Chair (Government of Madagascar supported by Government of Mozambique) |
| 09:40 – 10:00 | Coffee/Tea Break | All |

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| 10:00 – 11:30 | <p>Presentation (10 minutes each) on work on blue/ocean economy and Ocean Governance by RECs, Commissions and Partners:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AU 2. COMESA 3. SADC 4. EAC 5. IGAD 6. BCC 7. IOC – COI 8. PMAESA 9. WIOMSA <p>Discussion</p> | <p>RECs, Commissions and Partners</p> |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | <p>National Initiatives on Blue/Ocean Economy and Ocean Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Focal Points <p>Discussion</p> | <p>NC Focal Points</p> <p>All</p> |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break | |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | <p>Presentation on the WIO Regional Ocean Governance Strategy, with a focus on institutional arrangements to support implementation</p> <p>Discussion</p> | <p>NCS</p> <p>All</p> |
| 14:30 – 15:15 | <p>Presentation on Progress on Our Blue Future (OBF)</p> <p>Discussion</p> | <p>GIZ</p> <p>All</p> |
| 15:15 – 15:45 | <p>Presentation on opportunities for collaboration between the RECs, Commissions, and the Nairobi Convention</p> | NCS |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | Coffee/Tea Break | |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Way Forward | All |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Closing remarks | Chair(s), AU and NCS |